

# PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK

Park Office Hours: 8:00am – 4:00pm  
Battle Ground, Indiana  
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Seasonal Interpretive Naturalist: Haley Samuelson-Couchman

**NOTE:** All programs, hikes, and activities are free of charge and open to the public after payment of the park entrance fee, unless otherwise noted. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Prophetstown State Park is on Eastern Standard Time. Please be aware that on October 29 the clocks at Prophetstown will move back one hour.

**PARK PATCH:** Ages 5 and up can visit the Park Office to find out how to earn a patch while enjoying the park over a few days!

## October 2006 Schedule of Events



### Sunday, October 1

**10:00am – BIKE HIKE** Get your bikes rolling on the newest edition of the bike trail and pick up some tidbits about the development of Prophetstown State Park. Visit the naturalist at the Bike Trail Parking Lot near the main gate.

**1:00pm – PROPHETSTOWN UNDERGROUND** Many of the animals that live at Prophetstown make their home underground. Visit the Prairie View Picnic Area Playground to find out why, and make a fun craft to take home!

**3:00pm – STAYIN’ ALIVE** Do YOU have what it takes to survive in the prairie? Join us at the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station for a fun way to find out if you are up to the challenge!

### Friday, October 6

**6:30pm – ROVING NATURALIST** The naturalist is somewhere in the campground. Find her and hear what she has to say!

**8:30pm – NIGHT HIKE** Explore the fascinating creatures of the night on this 1-hour hike with the naturalist! Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area at the Coneflower Shelter. Please do not bring flashlights.

### Saturday, October 7

**12:00pm – COYOTE CROSSING!** Drop by the Park Office to find out more about the clever coyotes that make their home at Prophetstown State Park and make a fun craft!

**1:00pm – FIRE ON THE PRAIRIE** Prairie fires are important to the restoration of the prairie. Visit the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station to find out more about how the park maintains the prairie.

**3:00pm – SEED OLYMPICS** Do you have what it takes to make a successful seed? Find us at the Meadow View Picnic Area Comfort Station to take part in this fun activity for the whole family!

**5:00pm – PRAIRIE PICTURE FRAMES** Visit the Campground Playground to make fun craft from items found in nature.

**8:00pm – SPOOKY CAMPFIRE STORIES** Join the campfire tonight at campsite 251 for tales to tingle the spine. Bring your courage, a blanket, and a spooky story of your own to share!

### Sunday, October 8

**9:00am – BIRDWATCHING 101** Are you just learning your birding basics? Visit the Park Office and try out your bird watching skills in the park! Bring binoculars and field guides if available.

**11:00am – MORNING MEADOW MEANDER** Take a stroll with us on a cool fall morning in the prairie. Meet the naturalist at the Meadow View Picnic Area Trailhead.

**1:00pm – GREEN MACHINES** How does a plant work? Why do leaves change color in the fall? Find this out and more at the Meadow View Picnic Area Playground with neat experiments and crafts that explore the plants at the prairie!

**3:00pm – NATURE JOURNALS** Drop by the Campground Playground to make a unique journal to take home.

### Friday, October 13

**6:30pm – ROVING NATURALIST** The naturalist is somewhere in the campground. Find her and hear what she has to say!

**8:30pm – NIGHT HIKE** Explore the fascinating creatures of the night on this 1-hour hike with the naturalist! Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area at the Coneflower Shelter. Please do not bring flashlights.

### **Saturday, October 14**

**10:00am – PRAIRIE SAFARI** Join the naturalist for this hands-on walk into the prairie and explore the amazing wildlife that is found here! Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station.

**1:00pm – HANDMADE WINDCHIMES** Visit the Campground Playground to make this fun crafts from every day items we find at home!

**2:00pm – PRACTICAL PRAIRIE PLANTS** Native prairie plants have been used for thousands of years for food, medicine, and even in homes. Visit the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station to learn more about these unique plants!

### **Sunday, October 15**

**11:00am – WETLAND WANDER** Prophetstown is home to several wetlands. Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area Trailhead to discover more about this amazing ecosystem on a walk to the fen.

**1:00pm – OWL PELLET OBSERVATION** Owls make their home at Prophetstown State Park and leave behind some neat owl pellets. Visit the Park Office to explore one, and find out more about our feathered friends of the night.

**3:00pm – FOR “PEAT” SAKE!** What makes our fen so unique? Drop by the Prairie View Picnic Area Playground to hear what the naturalist has to say about our rare wetland.

### **Friday, October 20**

**6:30pm – ROVING NATURALIST** The naturalist is somewhere in the campground. Find her and hear what she has to say!

**8:30pm – NIGHT HIKE** Explore the fascinating creatures of the night on this 1-hour hike with the naturalist! Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area at the Coneflower Shelter. Please do not bring flashlights.

### **Sunday, October 22**

**11:00am – FEN AND PRAIRIE WALK** Join the naturalist on a stroll through the unique habitats of Prophetstown, including a rare wetland known as a fen. Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area Trailhead.

**2:00pm – KEEP ON TRACKIN’** Visit the Campground Playground to make an animal track to take home!

**3:00pm – GOIN’ BATTY** Find out more about these mysterious animals of the night! Visit the naturalist at the Park Office to find activities and information about bats.

## **PROPHETSTOWN FALL FESTIVAL!**



### **Friday, October 27**

**CAMPSITE DECORATING CONTEST BEGINS!** Bring your creativity and fall decorations to Prophetstown State Park! The campsites with the best displays will win prizes. Judging will begin on Saturday, October 28 at 6:00pm.

**6:00pm – AUTUMN BINGO** Visit us at the Prairie View Picnic Area Playground to play a fun game of bingo and win prizes!

**8:30pm – NIGHT HIKE** Explore the fascinating creatures of the night on this 1-hour walk with the naturalist. Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area at the Coneflower Picnic Shelter. Please do not bring flashlights.

### **Saturday, October 28**

**11:00am – PUMPKIN HUNT!** Come to the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station for our own version of an Easter Egg Hunt – only this time we’ll be looking for pumpkins and other prizes hidden along the prairie on Trail 1! *For children 12 years old and under.*

**1:00pm – PUMPKIN PAINTING** (*Program fee: \$1*) Visit the Campground Playground to decorate a pumpkin to take home!

**3:00pm - MAKE-A-MASK** What wild creature do you want to be for Halloween? Drop by the Prairie View Picnic Area Playground for a fun craft and make your own mask of one of the animals found at Prophetstown.

**5:00pm – SPIDER SPINNERS** Join us at the Meadow View Picnic Area Playground and try your hand at making a spider web of your own!

**6:00pm – CAMPSITE DECORATING CONTEST JUDGING** Prizes will be awarded to the spookiest, funniest, and most original campsite decorations!

**6:00pm – 8:00pm CAMPGROUND TRICK-OR-TREATING** Wear your scariest costume for a night of trick-or-treating in the campground!

**8:30pm – CAMPFIRE TONIGHT!** Join the naturalist at campsite 251 for fun, stories, games, and more! Bring a blanket or a chair and a story to share at this old-fashioned gathering.

### **Sunday, October 29**

**9:00am – AUTUMN PRAIRIE WALK** Enjoy the beautiful colors of fall on a walk through the tallgrass prairie with the naturalist. Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station.

**11:00am – PRAIRIE PLANT PRINTS** (*Program fee: \$1*) Visit the Campground Playground to make a neat print of our fall prairie grasses to take home!

**1:00pm – FALL LEAF MOBILE** Learn more about the colors of fall and make a craft! Meet the naturalist at the Prairie View Picnic Area Playground.